

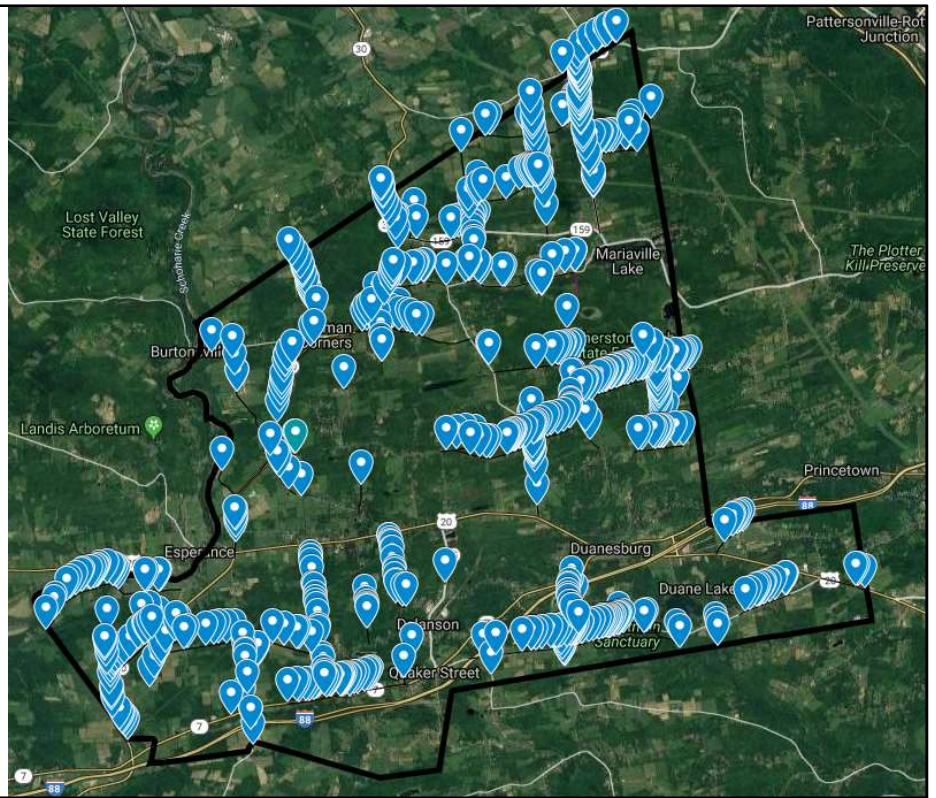


# Duanesburg Broadband Committee

October 9, 2019

Welcome to this update to the Duanesburg Broadband Committee project to get a wired broadband connection to everyone in the Town.

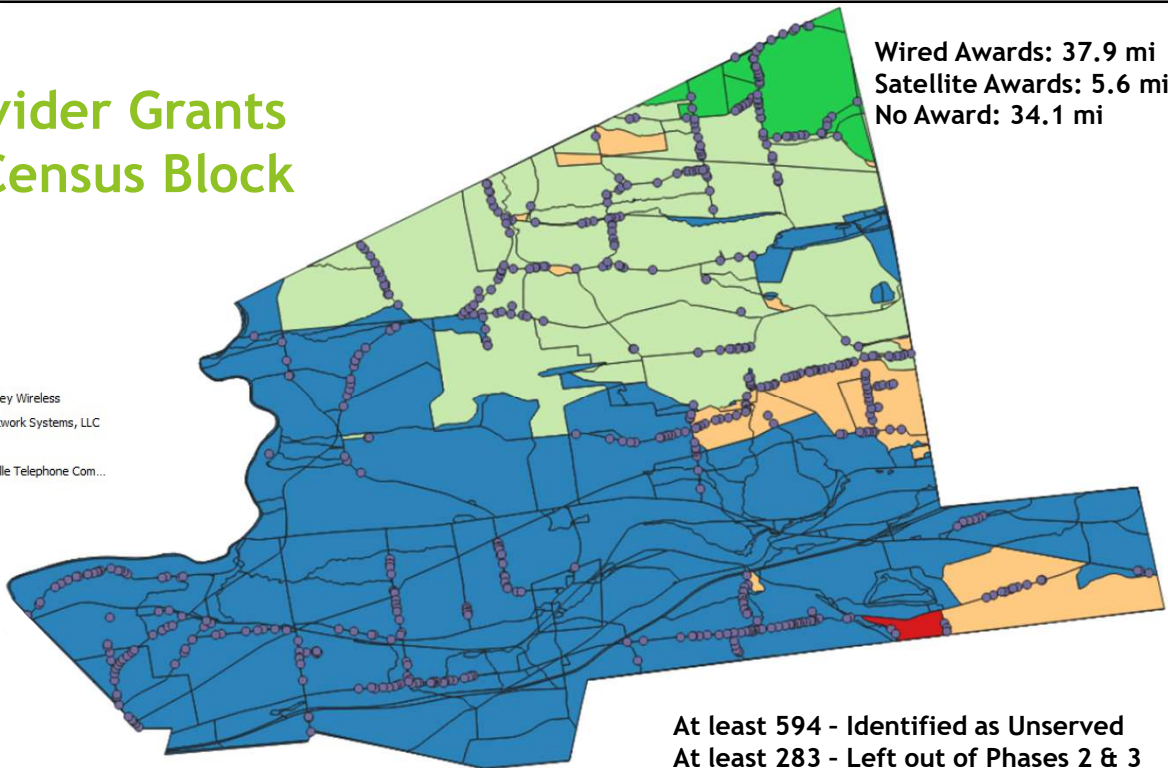
## Unserved Residences Spring 2018



When we did our first presentation in May 2018 the Duaneburg Broadband Committee had just completed a mapping project. We determined there were 598 unserved residences in the town. (30 % unserved). Each unserved residence is marked here with a blue flag.

## Provider Grants By Census Block

- ☒ Phase 3 - Hudson Valley Wireless
- ☒ Phase 3 - Hughes Network Systems, LLC
- ☒ Phase 3 - Verizon
- ☒ Phase 2 - Pattersonville Telephone Com...
- ☒ No Awards



Wired Awards: 37.9 mi  
Satellite Awards: 5.6 mi  
No Award: 34.1 mi

At least 594 - Identified as Unserved  
At least 283 - Left out of Phases 2 & 3

The NY Broadband Program Office had awarded grant funding in Phases 2 and 3 for broadband builds in Duanesburg.

The dark green area was awarded to Pattersonville Telephone Company under Phase 2.

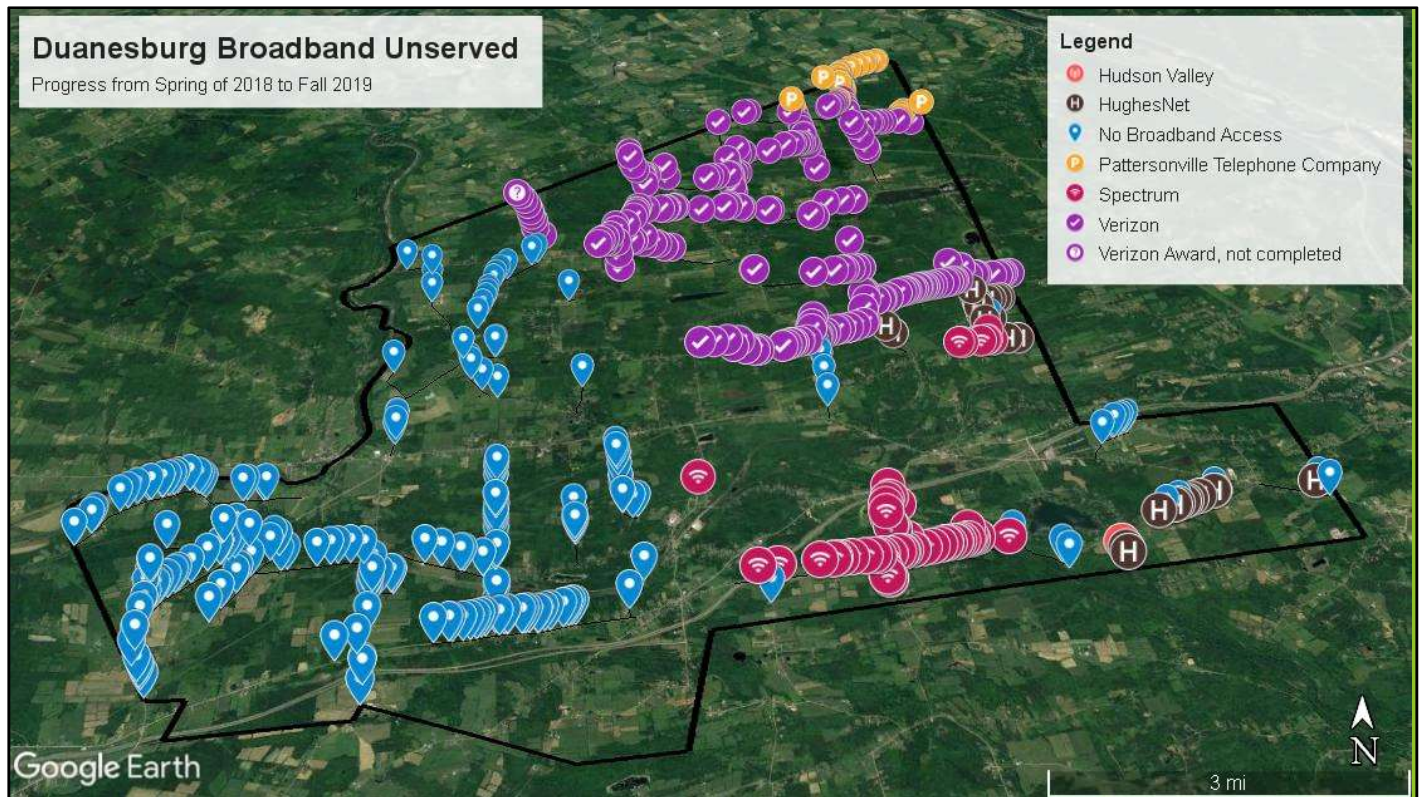
The light green area was awarded to Verizon.

The peach areas were awarded to HughesNet Satellite.

The red area is one residence awarded to Hudson Valley Wireless.

The dark blue area got no BPO funding awards. I have been told – because Charter/Spectrum was building out here.

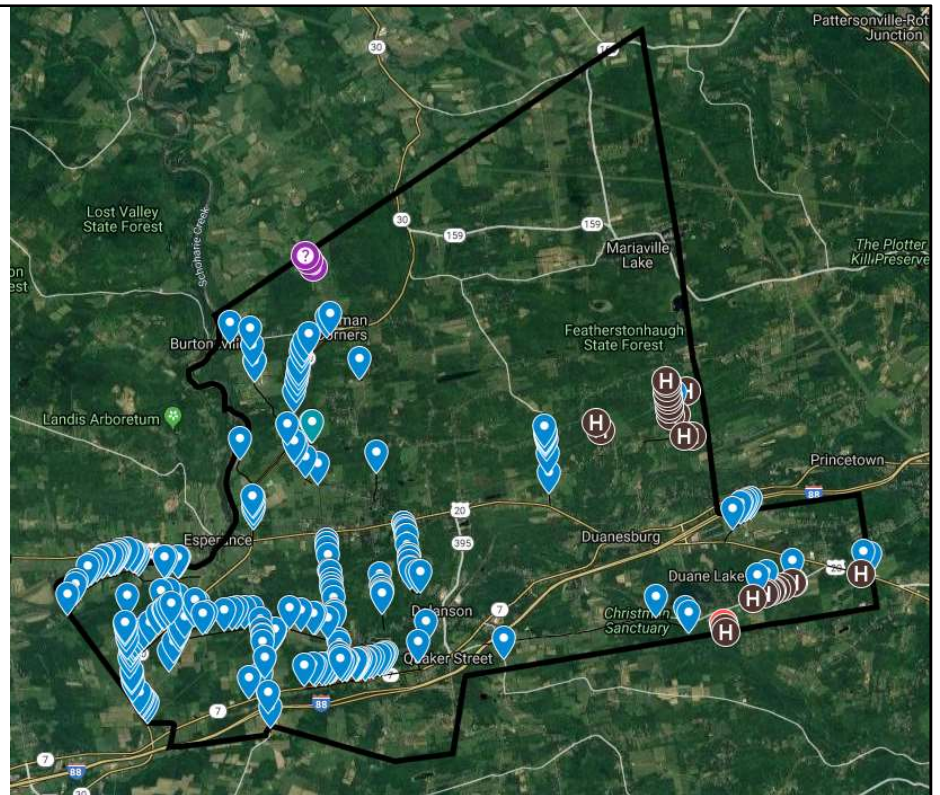




This map shows the considerable progress made since Spring 2018.

The locations marked with a yellow P are now served by Pattersonville Telephone. Verizon has built out to all but three homes in the north part of town – Purple check marks. We understand they are currently building down Route 30 from Brahmans Corners and west on Route 20 into Schoharie County. Charter/Spectrum has completed buildout along Schoharie Turnpike and part of Scotch Ridge and Mountain View Road – Pink wifi symbol

## Current Unserved



This map shows the remaining homes to be served in Duanesburg. 251 residences remain unserved. (12 and a half %)

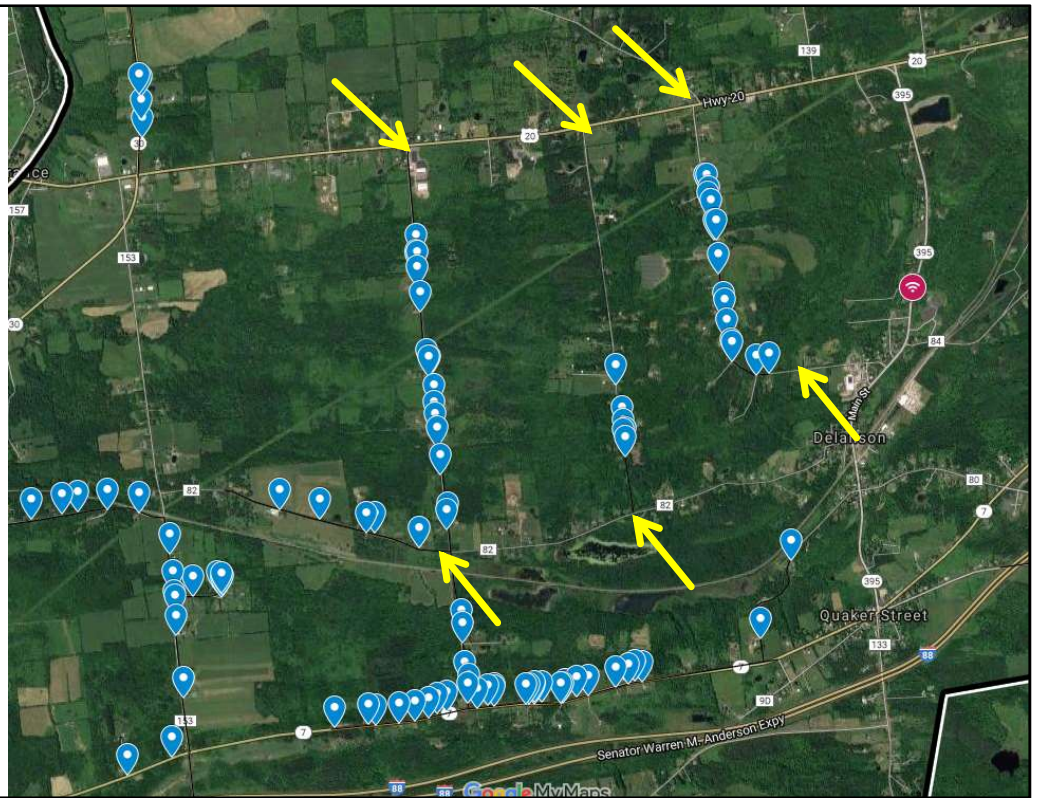
We are actively seeking to partner with Midtel to serve as many of these premises as possible. The BPO has expressed a willingness to help Midtel on this project. There is currently funding of \$100,000 provided to the Town by Schenectady County. That money is available now. There is also \$6 million available through the BPO from the settlement with Charter. Midtel is eligible to bid for this money. The BPO must confirm no Phase 1 through 3 grant awards are in the proposed area. We know they are not.

Additionally, Midtel or other providers will not get BPO grant funding until the premises have been cross-checked against Charter's network expansion plan. Roger Tidball has access to this plan because he signed a nondisclosure agreement. He is not allowed to share that plan with anyone. We figure it out by using Charter's lookup tool.

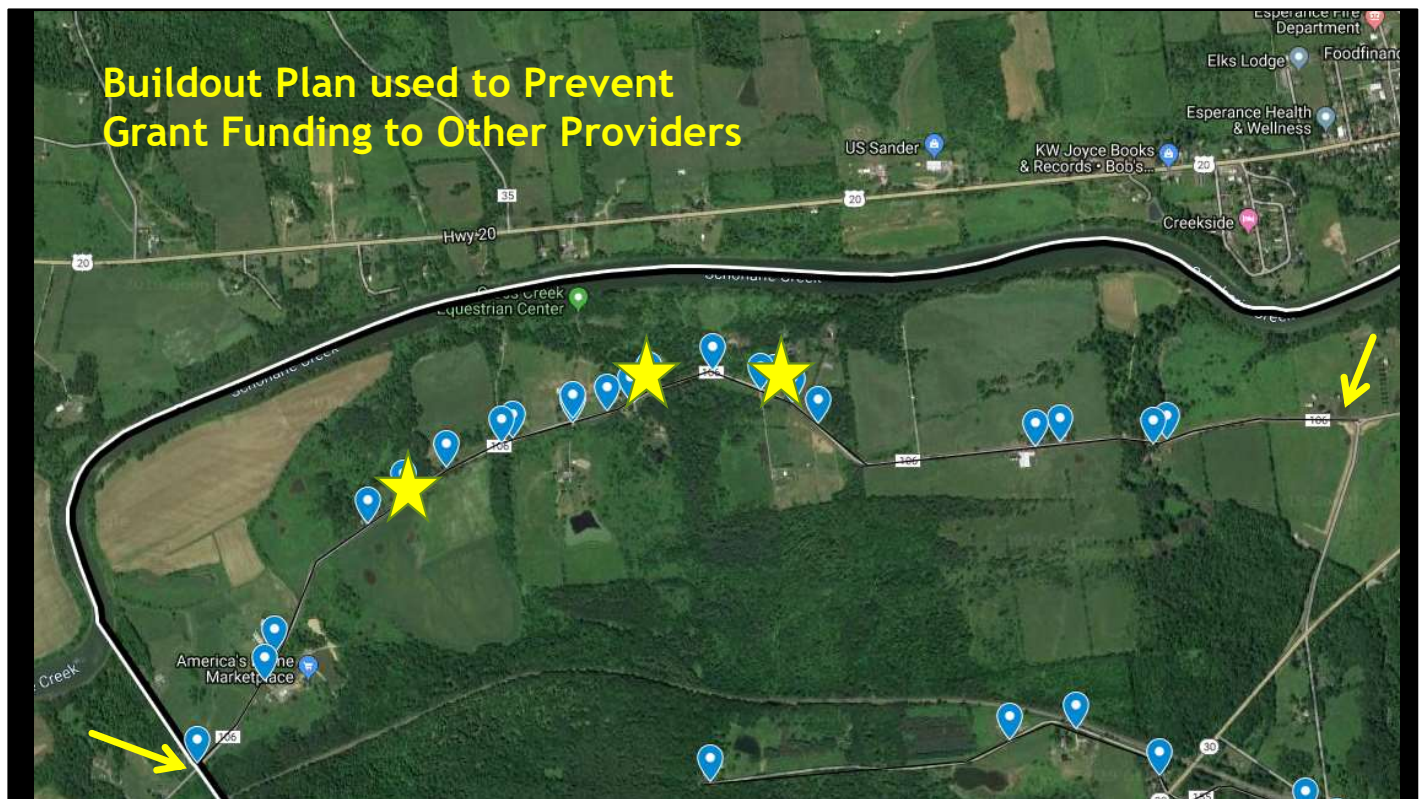
This is where we need our elected officials to step in. Our mapping shows Charter's existing network and buildout plan will prevent Midtel or other providers from helping us.



## More Homes Isolated between Served Areas



Charter's existing network has left unserved homes between existing service lines. Other providers are not likely to seek grant funding to serve these areas since they would have to pass homes served by Charter at either end of the street to get to them. These locations should be on Charter's buildout plan – but they are not. Neither are similarly isolated homes on, Suits Road, Route 20 east of Schoharie Turnpike, Duanesburg Churches Road, Thousand Acre Road and I'm sure there are others. Again these homes should be on Charter's buildout plan but they are not.

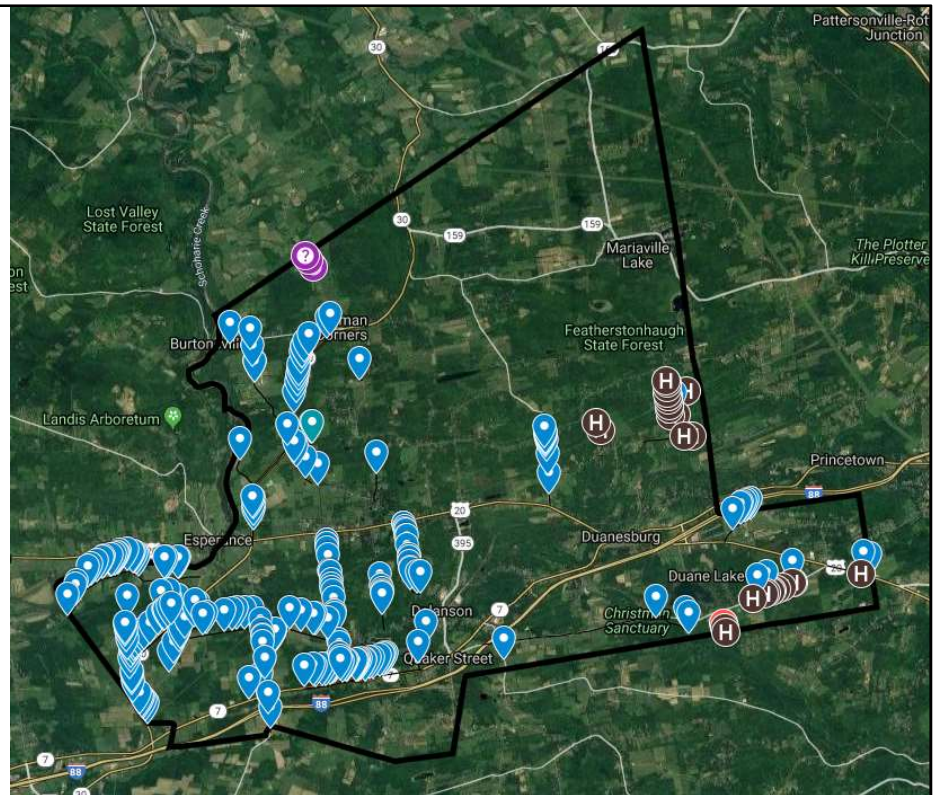


In other areas like this one, isolated residences marked with a star are on the Charter/Spectrum buildout plan. They are surrounded by residences not on the plan. If the plan includes 145,000 locations statewide what happens to all the folks in the middle of Creek Road, Route 7 and more - who are not counted? If we extrapolate this strategy statewide, I suspect 145,000 passings will be reached long before Charter ever gets to the homes on this street. Meanwhile other providers- like Midtel and Verizon - have been tidily precluded from getting grant funding to serve them. Charter's intent here is pretty clear. Their goal is to prevent service to as many people in this town as possible until after 145,000 have been served. The longer they wait the more taxpayer money they are likely to get from future state and federal grant awards. They will protect themselves from competition by putting a couple premises on each road in their buildout plan.

This should not be allowed. It is anticompetitive monopolistic behavior. Is this really what the Public Service Commission intends? It is the result when Charter is allowed to redact its buildout plan. Other providers should be permitted to seek grant funding to serve as many as possible in Duanesburg.



## Current Unserved



The Committee's goal is to get broadband to each of these marked residences.

Our request to our elected officials: please contact the Department of Public Service and Broadband Program Office on our behalf.

Midtel and other incumbent providers, should be allowed to bid for grant funding for builds to any of these locations in Duaneburg. We need you to pull fiber to as many homes as possible as quickly as possible.